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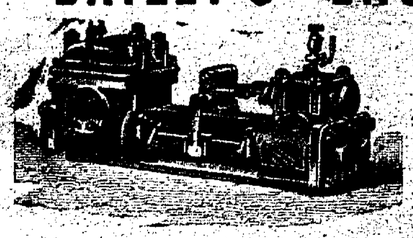
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And NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th April to 8th May, inclusive.

LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & Co., *General Agents.*

Hongkong, April 13, 1899. 921

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A STEWARDESS Required for the *EMPRESS OF INDIA*, for one Voyage to VANCOUVER and RETURN. Vessel sails from HONGKONG on the 29th Instant.

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Hongkong, April 21, 1899. 1002

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourteenth Annual Ordinary General MEETING of the Company (since its Registration) will be held in the BOARD ROOM, at the HONGKONG DISPENSARY, on MONDAY, the 8th May Proximo, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Account to the 31st December, 1898.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 1st May, until WEDNESDAY, the 10th May Prox., both inclusive, during which Period NO TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order,

A. H. MANCELL, *Secretary.*

Hongkong, April 22, 1899. 1013

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE U.S.

MR. FERDINAND KIENE, has this day assumed CHARGE of the SOUTH CHINA BRANCH.

By order of the General Manager for the East,

W. H. TALBOT, *Sub-Manager for the East.*

Hongkong, 17th April, 1899. 960

WANTED,

A MARRIED LADY Wishes to share a HOME with another MARRIED LADY from the 1st May next. Apply, by letter, to

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Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1023

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Hongkong, April 21, 1899. 1020

THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING of the DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER of Hongkong and South China will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant, at 9.30 for 2 p.m.

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By Order,

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SHANGHAI	*Parramatta*	C. T. DENNY, R.N.R.	About 28th April.
LONDON, &c.	*Ballarat* *	C. W. L. FEILD	Noon, 29th April.
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	*Rosetta*	C. H. WATKINS, R.N.R.	4 p.m., 29th April.

* See Special Advertisement. † For Freight, (only).

For Freight or passage, and further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 21, 1899. 997

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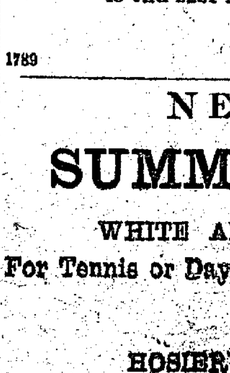
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN Interim BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT upon CONTRIBUTIONS for the year 1898, has been Declared.

WARRANTS will be issued on the 1st May.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES, *Secretary.*

Hongkong April 19, 1899. 924

NOTICE.

THE POWER of ATTORNEY given to the Undersigned on 20th July, 1896, by Messrs. DINSHAW & Co., has been handed over to Mr. DINSHAW NOWROJI, and the Interest and RESPONSIBILITY of the Undersigned as Manager of the FIRMS of TAIWANFOO and TAKOW, Cease from This Date.

DINSHAW, DAJIBHAI OLLIA.

Tainanfoo, 23rd March, 1899.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will Carry on the BUSINESS from This Date as GENERAL MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS in SOUTH FORMOSA, under the Name and Style of DINSHAW, D. OLLIA & Co.

DINSHAW, DAJIBHAI OLLIA.

Tainanfoo, 23rd March, 1899. 1017

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ..Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m....Every half hour.
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
3.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.
An additional car will run at 2.40 p.m. until further notice.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Night cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

8.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m....Every half hour.
10.30 a.m. and 10.40 a.m.
Noon to 2 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
1 p.m. to 8 p.m...Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. Every half hour.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

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Hongkong, November 22, 1898. 2032

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Hongkong, April 6, 1899. 694

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Bungalow Model of Special Construction	$300 & $350
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Semi Grands, by Collard and Collard	$1000 & $1100
Chippendale Model, by John Broadwood & Sons	$620
Exhibition Model, by John Broadwood and Sons	$670
Bandolé Grand, by John Broadwood and Sons	$1500
Stuttgart Model, by F. Dörner & Sons	$650
Superb Model, by " "	$700
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Hongkong, April 20, 1899. 991

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NOTICE is hereby given that in Accordance with Article IX. Paragraph 3 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the following B SHARES have been forfeited:—

Nos. 20,161-20,180.	21,331-21,430.
22,641-22,650.	22,731-22,732.
22,733-22,737.	22,993-23,002.
35,304-35,403.	38,345-38,394.
38,965-38,984.	39,334-39,383.
39,336-39,340.	39,491-39,592.
39,793-39,992.	42,324-42,423.
47,922-48,021.	50,273-50,296.
55,018-55,042.	55,070-55,073.
55,463.	26,414-26,493.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, *General Managers.*

Hongkong, March 25, 1899. 790

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Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 865

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
THURSDAY,
the 27th April, 1899, at 11 A.M.,
at ARMY ORDNANCE STORES, Queen's Road East,
the following
GOVERNMENT STORES:—

SCARING LADDERS, MALLETS, CORDAGE, WHITE and TARRED 6 inch, 5 inch, 3 inch, and 2½ inch, CANVAS TARRED, BOAT OARS, PROJECTILE BOXES, ELECTRIC CABLE, PONTOON WAGONS, BRASS, COPPER, GUNMETAL, JUTE, LEAD, ROPE, LINEN, COTTON and WOOLLEN RAGS, STEEL, ZINC, CANVAS, CAST and WROUGHT IRON, WOOD, PACKING CASES, also 2 FIRE ENGINES, and a quantity of PART WORN GREAT COATS and CAPES.

Catalogues can be had at the Ordnance Office or from the Auctioneers.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery. All faults and errors of description at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer. All lots to be cleared within 48 hours.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 1019

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell, by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 27th April, 1899, at 2.30 p.m., at 'BERYL,' KOWLOON,—

A QUANTITY OF USEFUL
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
And
A COTTAGE PIANO
(in good condition).

(Full particulars can be seen from Catalogue).

On View from *Wednesday*, the 26th April, 1899.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 21, 1899. 1003

PUBLIC AUCTION
of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, IVORIES, CURIOS, ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
SATURDAY,
the 29th April, 1899, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 69, WYNDHAM STREET,—

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—

SADDLE BAG and PLUSH SUITE, SILK TAPESTRY ARMCHAIRS and COUCHES, MARINBURK-MADE OVERMANTELS, LADY'S WALNUT WRITING DESK, FANCY TABLES, HANDSOME BRONZE CLOCK and BRONZES, DRESDEN TABLE LAMPS, INDIAN CARPETS, RUGS, WHITE LACE CURTAINS, Etc., Etc.

FINELY CARVED MARINBURK-MADE SIDEBOARD, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOROCCO COVERED DINING and EASY CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGONS, CANTON LACQUERED and TEAK CHIFFONIERS, ELECTROPLATE, CUTLERY, GLASS and CROCKERY, Etc., Etc.

AMERICAN-MADE WALNUT BEDSTEAD, WALNUT and TEAK BUREAUX with BEVELLED MIRRORS, MARINBURK-MADE WARDROBES, with GLASS DOORS and MARBLE-TOP, CAMPHORWOOD WASHSTAND, Etc., Etc.

Also,
VERY FINE ENGRAVINGS, OIL-PAINTINGS, IVORIES, CURIOS, CLOISONNE, VASES, CHERRY LACQUERED, BLACKWOOD, AND EMBROIDERED SCREENS.

And
A COTTAGE PIANO, by COLLARD and COLLARD (almost NEW).

On view from *Thursday*, 27th April, 1899. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 22, 1899. 1012

To-day's Advertisements.

FROM NEW YORK, ADEN AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Thornhill*, Captain J. ANISON, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the GODOWNS OF THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, and Stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

This Steamer has been in collision with the French s. s. *Malarine*, off ALGIERS in consequence of which an average bond has to be signed by the Consignees before taking delivery of the Cargo.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1032

POSTPONEMENT.
OF THE
SPECIAL CHORAL SERVICE
To be Held
in
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
IS POSTPONED TO
TUESDAY, May 2nd, 1899,
at 5.30 p.m.,
when
Stainer's Sacred Cantata,
'THE DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS,'
Mendelssohn's Motet
(for Soprano Solo and Chorus)
'HEAR MY PRAYER,' and
'THE EVENING HYMN' from Sullivan's
'GOLDEN LEGEND,' will be sung.

Soloists:—

Mrs LOWSON.	Miss MURRAY BAIN.
Mr. G. P. LAMMERT.	Mr. E. MIROW.
Mr. CRISPIN.	

Organist.—Mr. G. CRIMBLE.
Conductor.—Mr. A. G. WARD.

By the kindness of Colonel MAINWARING and OFFICERS, Several Members of the Band of the R. W. F. will assist.

The Cathedral Choir has been specially augmented for the occasion.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1030

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
HAILOONG,
Captain ROBSON, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 27th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1036

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
LYEEMOON,
Captain G. HEUERMANN, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 28th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1039

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
GLAUCUS,
Captain PARWISE, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 23rd May.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1034

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Receiving Orders.

No. 9 of 1899.
Re FUNG LEUNG, lately carrying on business at No. 66, Main Street, Shaukiwan, Victoria, Hongkong, under the style of LUEN KI.
Receiving Order dated 14th March, 1899.
Petition dated 11th March, 1899.

No. 10 of 1899.
Re The SHING LOONG Firm, lately carrying on business at No. 72, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, as Brick and Tile Dealers.
Receiving Order dated 14th April, 1899.
Petition dated 10th March, 1899.

Notice of First General Meeting of Creditors.

No. 1 of 1899.
Re CHAN KWAN SHAN and CHAU CHIU, carrying on business in copartnership as Contractors, at No. 9, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hongkong, under the style or Firm name of CHUEN TAI.

FRIDAY, the 28th day of April, 1899, at 12 o'clock at noon, precisely, has been fixed for the First General Meeting of creditors in the above Matter, to be held at the Official Receiver's office, Land Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid.

No Creditor can vote unless he previously proves his debt.

Forms of Proof and Proxy can be obtained at the Official Receiver's Office during Office hours.

At the First General Meeting the Creditors will be asked to consider whether the Debtor shall be adjudged Bankrupt or whether they, the Creditors, will entertain a proposal for a Composition or Scheme of Arrangement.

Notice of Adjudication and Appointment of Trustee.

No. 7 of 1899.
Re JOHN McIVER, residing at No. 18, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, and carrying on business at The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central aforesaid, as a Chemist and Druggist, under the style of FLETCHER AND COMPANY

THE above-named JOHN McIVER was adjudicated Bankrupt on the 13th April, 1899, and Mr BRUCE SHEPHERD, the Official Receiver, was appointed Trustee of the Debtor's Estate.

Notices of Intended Dividend.

No. 23 of 1898.
Re The KWONG T' CHEONG, lately carrying on business at No. 10, Praya West, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchants.

A Dividend is intended to be declared in the above-mentioned Matter.

Debts not already proved must be proved by the 29th May next, or will be excluded from such Dividend.

No 4 of 1899.
Re NG HAU PUI, late of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and of Canton in the Empire of China, deceased, who died at Canton on the 8th September, 1887.

A Dividend is intented to be declared in the Estate of the above named NG HAU PUI, deceased.

Debts not already proved must be proved by the 6th May next, or will be excluded from such Dividend.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1899.
BRUCE SHEPHERD,
Official Receiver and Trustee.
1031

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Guthrie (s).....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	May 2, at 3 p.m.
Australian Ports	Yawata Maru (s)	Nipp n Yusen Kaisha.	April 29, at 4 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	April 26, at 9 a.m.
Foochow.....	Pakhoi (s).....	Butterfield & Swire....	April 26.
Havre and Hamburg.	Savoia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.....	About May 2.
Havre and Hamburg.	Heidelberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About May 25.
Havre and Hamburg.	Konigsberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.....	About May 30.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Bingo Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	May 4, at 4 p.m.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Miike Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	May 18, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Call	Ballaarat (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co. ...	April 26, at Noon.
London v. Suez Canal	Sarpedon (s)	Butterfield & Swire....	May 6.
London v. Suez Canal	Orestes (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	May 13.
London v. Suez Canal	Glaucus (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	May 23.
Manila	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	April 28.
Marseilles v. Saigon..	Ernest Simons (s).....	Messageries Maritimes	May 6, at noon.
Marseilles, London, & c.	Tamba Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	May 4, at 4 p.m.
New York v. Suez Canal	Undaunted (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About May 10.
New York v. Suez Canal	Catania (s)	Carlowitz & Co.....	About May 4.
New York v. Suez Canal	Vortigern (s).....	Donwell & Co., Ltd	About May 27.
New York	McLaurin	Siemssen & Co.....	Quick despatch.
Portland, Oregon	Monmouthshire (s) ...	Dodwell & Co, Limited	May 6, at noon.
San Diego v. Japan...	Carlisle City (s)	Butterfield & Swire....	About May 5.
San Francisco	Queen Margaret	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco v. Japan.	Doric (s).....	O. & O S. S. Co.....	May 11, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan.	China (s).....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	May 2, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan.	Nippon Maru (s).....	Toyo Kisen Kaisha....	May 20, at noon.
Seattle, U.S.A..... ..	Kinshiu Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	May 4, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Parramatta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About April 28.
Shanghai	Chinkiang (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	April 26.
Shanghai	Lyeemoon (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	April 28, at 4 p.m.
S'pore, C'mbo & B'bay	Kagoshima Maru (s)...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	May 16, at noon.
S'tow, Amoy, & F'chow	Thales (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co	April 26, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Hailoong (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	April 27, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Maizuru Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	April 30, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c..	Tacoma (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	May 13, at noon.
Takow and Taiwanfoo.	Ichang (s)	Butterfield & Swire....	May 1.
Tientsin	Kwelyang (s)..... ..	Butterfield & Swire ...	May 16.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of India (s) .	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	April 26, at noon.
Vladivostock	Sagami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	May 11, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama	Sanuki Maru (s) ,	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 30, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama and Kobe..	Heidelberg (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	About April 28.

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 233.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on TUESDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1899, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 18th April, 1899. 1033

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of May, 1899, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements. N.	E.	S.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 1,566.	About Pokfulam Conduit.	100	100	200	200	20 0[illegible]	10	3 0
2	1,529.	Do.	125	125	200	200	2[illegible]000	[illegible]	00

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Loaded with Powder only,
Per 100 ... ...$5 25
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Per 100 ... ...$6.75
Apply to
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Hongkong, 25th April, 1899. 1042

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steam-ship
HEIDELBERG,
Captain SCHÜDER, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 28th Instant.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1040

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TAKOW & TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship
ICHANG,
Captain DERRY, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1037

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship
KUTSANG,
Captain BRADLEY, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 2nd May, at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1043

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Kutsang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her, are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon, the 27th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, April 25, 1899. 1039

To-day's Advertisements

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

DURING My Absence from the Colony Mr. A. S. GARFIT has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong April 23, 1899. 1041

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
April 24.

Glenfalloch, British str., 1,434, Peters, Penang April 15, and Singapore 18, General.—JOO TAR SING.

Charterhouse, British steamer, 1,275, H. J. Smith, Penang April 15, and Singapore 18, General.—DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Kutsang, British str., 1,496, R. C. D. Bradley, Calcutta and Singapore April 18, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

April 25.

Wingsang, British str., from Canton.

Ingrabah, German str., from Canton.

Prinz Heinrich, German str., 3,902, O. Clippers, Shanghai April 22, Mails and General.—MELCHERS & Co.

Sungkiang, British steamer, 994, C. B. N. Dodd, Manila April 23, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Ichang, British steamer, 1,240, Chas. Derby, Wuhu and Chinkiang April 20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hailoong, British steamer, 783, A. J. Robson, Tamsui April 21, Amoy 22, and Swatow 24, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Thornhill, British str., 2,086, Anison, New York Feb. 2, and Singapore April 18, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Shinshu Maru, Japanese str., 1,577, S. S. Nishiyama, Kutchinotsu April 19, at 5 p.m., Coal.—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

Taisang, British steamer, 1,544, W. E. Sawer, Shanghai April 20, Foochow 23, and Swatow 24, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Yawata Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,367, Albert E. Moses, Yokohama and Nagasaki April 21, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Progress, German str., 687, P. Brandt, Touron April 22, Coal, Sugar and General. CHINESE.

DEPARTURES.
April 25.

Clara, for Hoihow.
Wosang, for Amoy.
Nanyang, for Swatow.
Formosa, for Swatow.
Hoihao, for Hoihow.
Kwang Lee, for Shanghai.
Hanoi, for Haiphong.
Hector, for Shanghai.
Chowfa, for Swatow.
Victoria, for Moji and Tacoma.
Amigo, for Hongay.
Ichang, for Canton.
Fansang, for Singapore.
Serbia, for Singapore and Hamburg.

CLEARED.
Thornhill, for Shanghai.
Glenfalloch, for Amoy.
Ingraban, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.

Per *Charterhouse*, from Singapore, Rev. Brother Francis, and Mr W. Lamont.

Per *Kutsang*, from Calcutta, &c., Sir James Westland, Miss Westland, Messrs Hope Simpson, Kitcho, Wimoa, and 322 Chinese.

Per *Prinz Heinrich*, from Shanghai, Messrs Reichardt, J. Bunt, R. H Boyce, R. P. Lalcaca, C. M. Sandford, R. Becker, Wiart, Kahr, Collin, Mouwd, Sidney Barton, Miss Hughes, Sergeant Gosnald, and Sergeant Dean.

Per *Ichang*, from Wuhu, Mr Barclay.

Per *Hailoong*, from Tamsui, &c., Rev. Father Gauthier, Mr and Mrs Monro, Miss Jay and niece, Miss Glass, and 93 Chinese.

Per *Yawata Maru*, from Yokohama, Mr and Mrs Singleton, Miss Gemmell, and 3 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Hanoi*, for Haiphong, Messrs G. Veyre, Planté, Wiart, Kerlon, Monod, Collin, Debeauchamp, and 7 Annamites.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Charterhouse* reports: Light variable wind throughout the voyage; hazy approaching the Gap Rock.

The British steamer *Kutsang* reports: Moderate winds and smooth sea.

The British steamer *Sungkiang* reports: Light variable breeze and smooth sea first part; heavy N.E. sea, moderate breeze and rain latter part.

The British steamer *Ichang* reports: Light airs and calm to Turnabout; thence moderate to light N.E. and N'ly winds, with rain to arrival.

The British steamer *Hailoong* reports: Tamsui to Amoy, fresh N.N.E. wind, moderate sea and fine clear weather. Amoy to Swatow, light variable winds, smooth sea and fine, cloudy weather. Swatow to port, light E'ly winds and fine, cloudy weather. Str. in Tamsui: *Maizuru Maru*. Steamer in Amoy: *Sibiria Rickmers, Newchwang, Kiangpak, Dunedin*, barques *Kitty* an *Osaka*. Steamers in Swatow: *Hansang, Kaifong, Chiyuen*, and *Tryin*.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHOW.—
Per *Pakhoi*, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 26th April.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.—
Per *Haitong*, at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the 26th April.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S PACKET.—
The Canadian Pacific Mail Packet *Empress of India* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 26th April, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canadian, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
10.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
11.00 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, *with the Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage*, until the time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW
Shipping.

Daylight.—*Thales* leaves for Swatow.

9 a.m.—German Mail Steamer leaves for Bremen and Ports of Call.

Noon.—*Empress of India* leaves for Vancouver (B.C.), via Shanghai, Yokohama, &c.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Macduff* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, April 27:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Sundries at H.M.'s Ordnance Stores, Queen's Road East.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at 'Beryl,' Kowloon.
Goods per *Kutsang* undelivered after noon, subject to rent.

FRIDAY, April 28:—
Goods per *Kanigsberg* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, April 25, 1899.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	...1/11⅜
,, On demand, ...	...1/11⅜
,, 30 days' sight.	...1/11⅜
,, 4 months' sight, ...	...1/11½
Credits, 4 ,, ...	...1/11⅝
Documentary, 4 months' sight, ...	...1/...
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	... 2.47
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	... 2.51
On Berlin—Demand,...	... 2.04
On New York—	
On demand, ...	... 47⅞
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	... 48¼
On Bombay—	
Wire,...	... 147
On demand, ...	... 147½
On Calcutta—	
Wire,...	... 147
On demand, ...	... 147½
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	1⅛ pm.
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	1⅛ pm.
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	... 72½
30 days' sight, (private paper)	... 73
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	43⅝ pm.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	...$52.30
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	...$10.06
Silver (per oz.)	...27½d.

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A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.
Queen's Road Central.

The publication of this issue commenced at 3.25 p.m.

The China Mail.
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Bombarom, Benledi, Vindobona, Kumsang, Siberia, Tsieno*, April 4; *Broadmayne, Goodwin*, 7; *Bengenhaus, Cardigan*, 11; *Indrapura, Kinfauns, Luca, Bainberg, Idomeneus, Nemain Isles, Palmerston*, 14; *Glenlochy, Habicht*, 18; *Japan, Boyaton, Tonkin*, 21.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Ocypete*, April 7; *Antenor, Glenesk*, 11; *Ulysses*, 14; *Kenmore*, 18; *Bayern, Caledonien, Trieste*, 21.

Mails.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Parramatta*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of 31st March, left Singapore on Sunday, the 23rd April, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 28th April. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 25th Feb.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Doric*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, left Yokohama on Monday, the 24th April, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 30th April.

The Imperial German Mail s. s. *Prussian*, carrying the German Mails, with dates from Berlin of the 3rd April, left Colombo on Friday afternoon, the 21st April, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 2nd May.

The T. K. K. s. s. *Nippon Maru*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 12th April.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong, on the 17th April.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 20th April.

Steamers Expected.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Kinshiu Maru* left Shimonoseki for this port on the 22nd April, and is expected to arrive here on the 27th April.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Pekin* left Singapore for this port on the 22th April, at 5 a.m.

The N. D. L. steamer *Heidelberg* from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 20th April, and may be expected here on or about the 30th April.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Monmouthshire* has arrived at Kobe, and sailed for Hongkong on the 22nd April.

The C. & O. S. S. Co.'s str. *Carlisle City*, from San Diego, left Yokohama for this port on the 11th April, via Kobe and Shanghai.

The C. and O. S. S. Co.'s *Shantung* left San Diego on the afternoon of 16th April, for Yokohama, &c.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Shanghai* left Bombay for Kobe direct on the 15th April.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Bingo Maru* left Bombay for this port on the 15th April, and is expected to arrive here on the 3rd May.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Tacoma* has arrived at Yokohama from Tacoma, and sails for Kobe and Hongkong on the 24th April.

Latest Advices.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Sanuki Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd April, and is expected to arrive here on the 29th April.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Lennox* sailed from Portland, Oregon, on the 23rd April, for Japan and Hongkong.

The N. G. L.'s s. *Bismarck* left Bombay for this port on the 23rd April, and is due here on or about the 12th May.

The C. P. R. Co.'s str. *Tartar* left Vancouver, B.C., on Monday, the 23rd April, for Kobe, Nagasaki and Hongkong.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Miike Maru* left Bombay, via Tuticorin and Singapore for this port on the 24th April, and is expected to arrive here on the 11th May.

TSAI Taotai (with the assistance of Mr W. V. Drummond) has decided against Mr Consul Bock in his promissory note action against Toh Sui-tee.

A PASTEUR institute has been opened in Vladivostock by a society organised under the auspices of the doctors of the South Ussuri district.

A SCHOOL for Chinese girls is to be established in Singapore. Dr Lim Boon Keng is acting as Hon. Secretary of the provisional committee that has the preliminary arrangements in hand.

OWING to the indisposition of one of the principal soloists, the performance of Sacred Music at St. John's Cathedral, fixed for to-day, is postponed till Tuesday next, the 2nd May.

WE note that Commissioner W. Rowe Morehouse handed over charge of Amoy Customs to Commissioner C. Lemon Watson, and proceeds home on leave per the *Prinz Heinrich*.

NEGOTIATIONS are still proceeding for the release of the Spaniards held as prisoners by the Filipinos. General Otis has magnanimously offered to give up some 1,000 odd Tagalog prisoners that are now held by the army, if the Filipinos will release the Spaniards. The Spanish representatives have agreed to give up their prisoners in the Carolines and Marianne and also in the penal colonies. It is a final offer.

TRANSPORTING and Cattle Passages made able and very strong.—Rodriguez [illegible]

[illegible] AGED LIKE A GENTLEMAN.

MR. J. HARRY WATSON, [illegible] PENS, &c., [illegible] Pain Balm [illegible] medicine [illegible] the system [illegible] ankled too [illegible] the Pain Balm [illegible]

The Viceroy Liu Kun-yih is seriously ill at Nanking.

ENGLAND has beaten Scotland at Association football by 2 goals to 1. This gives England the championship for the season.

SIR James Westland, K.C.S.I., the retiring Financial Member of Council of the Governor-General of India, arrived to-day by the *Kutsang* from Calcutta.

THE members of Messrs Dallas and Musgrave's Dramatic Company will assist to-night at the fortnightly concert at the Kowloon Institute. The entertainment has been arranged by Mr W. Muskett.

MAJOR-General the Hon. N. G. Lyttelton, C.B., has been brought on to the establishment of general officers on the Active List, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Major-General W. Black, C.B., late of Hongkong.

THE colours of the Australian team now in England are dark green and gold. In London, they will put up at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn. Jim Phillips, the old Middlesex player, whose umpiring in Australia was subjected to a considerable amount of criticism, accompanies the team as scorer.

MESSRS Le Breton and Co., merchants and commission agents, have opened their sample rooms at 18 D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong, and in the Shamsen, Canton, where their artistic mosaic tiles, artificial stone and marble cornices, &c., may be seen. This is a new Hongkong industry well deserving of the attention of architects and others.

A MEETING of prominent Filipino merchants and professional men was held in Manila on the 18th inst. with the object of approaching the insurgent Filipinos to arrange for peace. Florentino Torres is the President; Ariston Bautista, Vice-President, Aurelio Tolentino and Ventura R. de la Vega Secretaries. A large deputation was appointed to wait upon the American Commissioners to ascertain their intentions should a general surrender be agreed upon.

SIR Claude Macdonald is expected to arrive here to-day per H.M.S. *Lizard* from Hankow (says the *N.-C. Daily News* of the 21st inst.). His Excellency is reported to be in a very poor state of health, and will not be in a position to receive any deputations or attend functions of any kind, but will proceed aboard the German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* almost immediately. Sir Claude's state of health we gather is such that a six months' vacation is imperative.

THE demonetisation of the yen in the Straits Settlements is causing quite a stir at Singapore, where, it is said, 300,000 yen are held by Chinese traders. The banks at Penang are said to hold 130,000 yen. The Chamber of Commerce has addressed the Government on the subject, holding that the community, through the Government, should bear the cost of any change in the currency. The Government had not replied when our last exchanges left Singapore.

AN interesting enquiry was held yesterday afternoon by the Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Association at the premises of the Eastern Acetylene Lighting Syndicate, 24, Queen's Road Central, as to the safety of the apparatus supplied by that Company, and after an exhaustive trial the Fire Association Committee decided to issue policies at the usual rates of premium generally charged, subject to a few restrictions which will in no way debar householders from installing this really wonderful illuminant, which can be utilized for every conceivable purpose with the utmost safety.

WE take the following story from a Straits contemporary, merely adding that it is true and that the Scotch lady referred to is well known in Hongkong:—A Scotch lady, says a correspondent, was driving out one day in Manila when the insurrectionary movement broke out. An American soldier stepped up, stopped the carriage, and demanded it. The lady straightened up, 'I'll no give up ma carriage.' 'But you must, Madam: we want it to go to the front.' 'I'm I'll no get out.' One of the soldiers caught her by the arm to force her to get out. 'I'll gie you a slap i' the face,' and she suited the action to the word. The men all laughed. They said 'Very well, madam, you can go'; and ever since she has been saluted by all the Americans.

IT is the irony of fate that, after being a vehement advocate of the abolition of the Chinese light-and-pass regulations, your contemporary contemplates with dismay a light when he goes abroad. The wonder is that the authorities do not insist on Europeans carrying [illegible]

LIEUT. Moyer, of the 12th U.S. Infantry, committed suicide by jumping overboard from the transport *Sheridan* two days before the steamer's arrival at Manila.

FOR the third occasion, Mrs J. A. Brown has won the ladies golf championship of Penang, which a score of 104. Mrs Bromhead Matthews, who was second, played the best round of the tourament, 33.

SOME of the Volunteer Regiments in the Philippines are now armed with the Krag-Jorgensen. This is a change much needed, for the Filipinos with their Mausers usually [illegible] the Volunteers, whose [illegible] rifles are of little use over a long [illegible].

THERE have [illegible] several instances near Manila of [illegible] of American dead by the Filipinos. The invariable practice is to strip the [illegible] naked and then mutilate them. Considering the claims of the Filipinos [illegible] the highest civilised nations this brutal conduct of the Filipinos is somewhat strange. It would seem that one has only to scratch the Filipino to find the savage.

ON the 17th inst., the Provost guard raided a house in Manila that turned out to be a recruiting office of the insurgent Government. A Colonel, two captains and several subordinates were captured, together with evidence in the shape of books and papers that is proof conclusive. The place had been under police surveillance for some time. It is said that one of the prisoners is the Filipino general Pio del Pilar.

A NOTICE had been issued to the Justices of the Peace by Mr W. M. B. Arthur, Magistrate's Clerk, that in consequence of the death of Mr Cawasjee Byramjee, his application for the transfer of his Publican's Licence for the Hung Hom Hotel is cancelled, and the meeting of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace called for Wednesday next, the 26th instant, will not be held. Mr Ruttonjee, as Executor under the will of the deceased, will carry on the business under the provisions of Section 17 of Ordinance 24 of 1883.

MANILA exchanges contain details of the operations of General Lawton's brigade in the neighbourhood of the Laguna de Bay. Wherever the American troops went, the natives retired, sometimes fighting sullenly, sometimes retiring without exchanging a shot. Six steam launches were captured. The troops were recalled, and apparently the benefits of six days' fighting have been thrown away. When the garrisons were withdrawn, the natives returned to the towns and villages. In the neighbourhood of Malolos, several American soldiers have been killed and wounded by native 'snipers.' Outposts are occasionally murdered at the small posts inside the lines, and attempts have been made to damage the railway between Manila and Malolos.

AT H.B.M.'s Police Court, Shanghai, on April 20, Andrew Ganacopulus, a quartermaster on the P. and O. steamer *Ballarat*, was charged with feloniously wounding and cutting two bluejackets named Potter and Cornell, belonging to H.M.S. *Bonaventure*. On the previous evening, a number of bluejackets were in the Globe, and saw the prisoner strike a woman connected with the hotel. Potter and Cornell remonstrated with Ganacopulus and an altercation ensued. Prisoner drew a knife and severely wounded the two bluejackets. Inspector Matheson, who was in charge of the case, asked the Court in view of the extensive injuries received by the prosecutors, that their depositions be at once taken. The case was remanded.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

G. Murray Bain	$ 25
H. L. Dennys	25
Gibb, Livingston & Co.	25
Gilman & Co.	25
J. D. Humphreys & Son	25
T. Jackson	25
Jebsen & Co.	25
Linstead & Davis	25
A. R. Marty	25
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Sperry Flour Co.	25
A. S. Watson & Co.	25
H. Wicking	25
G. C. Cox	20
Gaupp & Co.	20
Dr G. H. Bateson Wright	20

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*.—Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon, Henry Failing, Hating, Irene, Hongkong Maru.

Cosmopolitan.—Don Juan de Austria, Katsugama Maru.

Aberdeen.—(None).

BRINSMEAD & Allison Pianos, the very best value.—Robinson Piano Co.

"IT IS REMARKABLE"

SAYS MR. W. WILSON, THE POPULAR Chemist at [illegible] and MURRAY [illegible] Chamberlain's Cough Remedy [illegible]

H.E. Sir Claude Macdonald, British Minister at Peking, arrived to-day by the *Prinz Heinrich*. He is too ill to receive visitors or to take any interest in public affairs.

THE names of the American naval officers killed at Samoa are Lieut. Lansdale and Ensign Monaghan. The English had Lieut. Freeman and two bluejackets killed and two wounded, and the Americans two sailors killed and five wounded.

H.R.H. Princess Henry of Prussia arrived this morning by the German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich*. Dr F. C. Rieloff, the German Consul, boarded the steamer on her arrival, and received the Princess. H. E. Sir Henry Blake, Governor, arrived some time afterwards, and conveyed Her Royal Highness across the harbour in the Colonial launch *Victoria*. Her Royal Highness will be guest to-night at Government House, where a reception will be held by Sir Henry and Lady Blake. To-morrow morning the Princess will go on board the mail steamer which leaves at nine o'clock for Europe.

THE General Managers of the Hongkong High Level Tramways Company have wisely decided to give increased facilities to the public on their line. This has for some time past been strongly advocated by the numerous constituents of this favourite mode of transit, and we are pleased to note the new time-table will come into force on the 1st of May. We shall publish the entire table of changes in a few days, but in the meantime we may note that there will be ten extra cars run on week days, and four on Sundays, under the new arrangement. The result will be that an almost continuous average of a fifteen-minute service will be maintained. From 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. the cars will run every ten minutes, and this ten-minute service will again be in force from 6 30 to 8 p.m. It is anticipated that this increase in the service will more than suffice to meet the requirements of the travelling public for years to come, but in any event the present Company (the pioneer of the high level transit) could so arrange, if necessary, so as to increase their facilities and run a car every five minutes. Much talk has been indulged in lately under the head of new tramways, but the present Company, we fancy, may regard such things with philosophical calm so long as they keep themselves alive (as they seem to do) to the requirements of the travelling public.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, 23rd April, 1899.

THE NEW CHINESE LOAN.

The New Chinese loan issued by French Banks was twice covered in France and Belgium.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES.

The Americans are forming a flying squadron and beginning a new campaign with the object of clearing out the Philippines from the jungle to the North of Manila.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

The *Figaro* states that an Agreement has been effected between the King of Siam and the Governor of Indo-China by which a French staff will be employed in the Public Works, the French language will be taught and the question of Luang Prabang satisfactorily settled.

OBITUARY.

The death of Sir John Mowbray, father of the House of Commons, is announced.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 25th at 11.55 a. The barometer has risen on the China coast. Pressure is highest over Central China, with slight gradients and moderate monsoon on the coast. Forecast:—moderate N.E. winds; cloudy, some drizzling rain or mist.

MR JAY: 'Was it a quiet wedding?' Miss Jay: 'Of course; you didn't expect they would quarrel before the clergyman, did you?'

ATTENTION has lately been drawn in Calcutta to the anomalous state of things whereby Barristers are made Queen's Counsel in every British Possession except India. The leader of the Calcutta Bar was offered the honour some time ago, it is true, but the senseless condition was attached to it that he should cease to practise in India. Needless to say he politely declined to give up an income of R 15,000 a month for the attractive letters. And in another instance the leader of the Lahore Bar was offered and accepted the title; but in his case the illogical excuse was put forward that Lahore was only a Chief Commissionership and not a High Court.

DEVELOPMENTS are expected shortly among the members of the Chinese Reform Party in Singapore (says the *Straits Times*). Their leader, the Hon. Dr Lim Boon Keng, has made short work of his towchang; and though, so far as we can gather, none of the rank and file have yet followed the example, many avow the intention of submitting their tails to the barber's shears. Meanwhile there has been another development. A distinctive dress has been chosen. We have seen a photograph of a prominent [illegible] in the dress. It is difficult to describe, but it appears to embrace [illegible] Chinese, and [illegible]

THE KOWLOON TERRITORY.

BRUTAL MURDER AT PING SAN.

BRITISH EMISSARY TORTURED AND DROWNED.

We have received information respecting a most brutal murder which took place in the new territory last week, the victim being a Chinese employed by the Colonial Government. It appears that shortly after the arrival of the troops and Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart at Ping San, on Wednesday last, a woman came to the British camp and reported that her husband, who resided in the valley and who had undertaken to post up the peaceful proclamation issued by H.E. the Governor, had been most cruelly tortured by the people of Ping San and then thrown into the river and drowned. From enquiries made it appeared that the murdered man arrived at the village of Ping San on the 17th April for the purpose of posting up the declaration. He was set upon by a crowd of Chinese, severely beaten with bamboos, fired at with rifles, and cruelly though not fatally tortured. The excited crowd then forced him into a crate used for carrying pigs, and he was carried through the village amidst the jeers of the populace. When the ruffians tired of their sport they threw the crate with the man still alive into the river. Search was made in the river, and confirmation of the story was found in the recovery of the crate containing the body of the murdered man.

It is now stated by Chinese who saw the advance of the Chinese force against the two companies of the Hongkong Regiment at Sheung Tsun on Tuesday last that upwards of 2,000 rebels engaged in the conflict. Colonel The O'Gorman, accompanied by Mr J. H. Stewart Lockhart, had arrived in the camp in the morning, and took up the command of the Kowloon Field Force. At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Chinese advanced in skirmishing order upon the British position, opening a very heavy fire. Colonel The O'Gorman ordered two companies of the Hongkong Regiment, under Captain Berger and Lieutenant Barrett, into position to receive the attack. The enemy's front extended for nearly two miles, and it has since been ascertained that the attacking force was composed of the horde of Chinese who had opened the attack at Taipo the previous day, and a force from the villages of Kam Tin, Un Long, Ping San and Ha-tsun. The latter force had evidently congregated to resist the landing of troops at Castle Peak, and some of them fired upon the shooting party organized by Mr Potts. The whole rebel force advanced with perfect confidence that the British troops would be put to flight. The country over which they advanced is level but there is some broken ground which afforded good shelter. The two companies of the Regiment were held in restraint by their officers while the enemy advanced firing wildly with jingals, cannon and antique arms of every description. Then when the enemy had advanced to a position which made it very uncomfortable for the Regiment, the order was given to advance. Those who saw the advance of the Indians speak with enthusiasm regarding the magnificent way the two companies were handled and the implicit reliance the men had in their officers. Seeing they made no impression upon the advancing companies and finding that the bullets from the Indians' rifles had a marvellous way of finding billets in their comrades, the huge force of Chinese turned their backs on the British troops and ran in utter confusion in every direction. As already announced, the pursuit of the enemy was continued to Kam Tin and the other villages. It was at Cheung Tsun, however, that the back of the rebellion was broken, and great credit is due to Colonel The O'Gorman, Captain Berger and Lieutenant Barrett for their magnificent handling of the men of the Hongkong Regiment, who displayed great dash and steadiness in action.

There is still a considerable force of the Hongkong Regiment in the new territory, patrolling the district to the north of Ping San. A force of twenty-seven Police under Acting Inspector Scott is stationed at Ping San.

THE REBELS BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

EVIDENCE OF ARREST.

At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr T. Sercombe Smith, Police Magistrate, Wan Kong Choi (60), farmer, belonging to Long Ah village, near Taipo; Chung Cheung (70), farmer, belonging to Lam Tsun, near Taipo; Chung Shan (42), farmer, Lam Tsun; Li To (39), tinsmith, Am Ha village, Tungkun district, were charged:—

I. That they, together with divers other evil-disposed persons, to the number of fifty and more, on the 17th day of April, 1899, being then armed with firearms and other offensive weapons, at Pat-heung Pass, British Kowloon, in this Colony, unlawfully, riotously and routously did assemble and gather together to disturb the peace, and being so assembled and gathered together armed as aforesaid, did then and there unlawfully, riotously and routously make a great noise, riot and disturbance, and did then and there remain and continue armed as aforesaid, making such great noise and disturbance for the space of an hour and more then next following to the great disturbance and terror not only of the liege subjects of Our Lady the Queen there being and residing, but of all other the liege subjects of Our said Lady the Queen then passing and repassing in and along the Queen's common highway there, in contempt of Our said Lady the Queen and her laws, to the evil example of all others in the like case offending and against the peace of Our Lady the Queen, her crown and dignity.

II. That they on the 17th day of April, 1899, being unlawfully assembled together and arrayed in warlike manner in a certain public street and highway situated in British Kowloon, in this Colony, unlawfully and to the great terror and disturbance of divers liege subjects of our Lady the Queen then and there being did make an affray in contempt of Our said Lady the Queen and her laws, to the evil example of all others in the like case offending and against the peace of Our Lady the Queen, her crown and dignity.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Arthur Lennard Barrett said—I am a Lieutenant in the Hongkong Regiment. On the 17th inst., the rebels appeared at Taipohu. I advanced with a force and relieved Captain Borgen, of the Hongkong Regiment, and we drove the rebels as far as the Pat-heung Pass on the top of which they took up their position. We then came into action with them, and drove them over the pass, when they scattered. The whole of the action at the Pass took from about 5 p.m. till a little after 6 p.m. When we got to the bottom Night Goolistan, of the Hongkong Regiment, brought up a man, whom I think is the third defendant, as a prisoner, and handed to me a German-made revolver with two empty cartridges and four that had not been fired. The first defendant was also brought in by, I think, Havildar Juma Khan. The other two prisoners in dock were also brought in by men of the regiment. Next morning all four were sent in as prisoners to Taipohu.

Captain Superintendent May said—I would ask your Worship to grant a remand for a week. I understand that two of the witnesses are a considerable distance up country.

His Worship—I will remand the case for a week, and if you are ready to go on before that, which I think it is advisable to do, I shall do so.

The case was then remanded till Tuesday, 2nd May, at 9.15 p.m.

IT is reported that the Director of the Kiangnan Arsenal has been ordered by the Viceroy Liu to commence the building of a steel cruiser similar to the *Paomin*, which it is estimated will cost two million taels. It is said that her keel will be laid down next month.—*China Gazette*.

THE first of Alfred Hol 's new steamers to arrive here will be the *Idomeneus*. It will be remembered that the great firm has recently built, or is building, nine new vessels, of 6,000 to 7,000 tons, to come out to the Far East. The *Idomeneus* has just passed the Canal.—*Singapore Free Press*.

THE Cebu correspondent of the *Manila Times* wrote on the 11th inst.:—Everything very quite. Native policemen are very courteous to Americans, and the expected trouble of last week has blown over, but the soldiers are still closely confined to quarters. A drunken soldier created a little excitement last night by firing a [illegible] which went between the legs of Mr [illegible]bottom, the English Consul here and manager for Smith, Bell & Co. No damage was done. The insurgent band serenaded Col. Hamer at Headquarters on Sunday evening.

SERGT. Younger and nine men of the 4th Hussars, who were recently bitten at Bangalore by a mad dog, have left for Paris to undergo the Pasteur treatment. Following up the foregoing, the Bangalore correspondent of the *Madras Times* says that it has been frequently suggested that some of the soldiers who get sent to Pasteur for dog-bites are up to tricks. The suggestion is that, in order to get a holiday and a trip, with a look-in at home, a soldier may easily easily get his own dog or a friend's dog to give him a bite, and then cry 'mad dog.'

THE Provost Marshal General of Manila obtained information of the existence of a large sum of Filipino government money, and for two or three days has maintained a vigilant watch that has finally landed $100,000 of Aguinaldo's funds in safe keeping. The money was collected through various forms of taxes and subscriptions, and was raised chiefly among the inhabitants of the southern portion of Luzon. From the southern depot it was shipped to a Manila mercantile house, with the supposed idea of its being turned over ultimately to one of Aguinaldo's agents. At this particular time, when money is so much needed by the natives, the capture is particularly valuable.—*Manila Times*.

THE *N.-C. Daily News* of the 20th inst. reports:—T.R.H. Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, Dr and Mrs Knappe, Count Hahn, Baroness von Plaenkner, Baron von Witzleben, and Dr Reich of S.M.S. *Deutschland*, returned at 9 20 yesterday morning to Shanghai, having had a most enjoyable picnic. The Settlement was left on Saturday morning last, the party proceeding in three well-appointed house boats partly under sail and, when the wind failed or headed, in tow of a steam launch to Hangchow. At Kashing they were met by Mr T. Macphail, who showed them every attention. On leaving the latter place they learnt that some days previously the bridge at Samên had collapsed and was blocking the waterway, consequently a *détour* had to be made by striking north to a village half-way to Soochow and then navigating the creeks to Hangchow. Here they were met by the Commissioner of Customs, Mr P. H. King, and, leaving their boats, were escorted by him to the various places of interest, the most beautiful being Pagoda Hill to which the ladies were carried in chairs and the gentlemen on horseback. From the hill a lovely view of West Lake and of the surrounding country, which was at its best, was obtained. The first day the weather was all that could be desired, but on arriving at Hangchow lowering rain clouds hung overhead. On returning to the city Dr Knappe was somehow led astray and, not knowing Chinese, found himself in a somewhat awkward predicament, however, he eventually regained the city, and on going to a famous old Chinese medicine shop, there found the remainder of the party anxiously awaiting him. Here they visited several of the old temples, but the rain, which through the day had been threatening, came down in torrents, and for two hours a perfect deluge was encountered which somewhat marred the proceedings compelling the excursionists to keep under cover. That night they left for Soochow which they reached the following day (Tuesday). In Soochow the city temple and the various pagodas were visited, and after a number of souvenirs had been purchased, the boats were again sought, and at 8 o'clock that evening tracks were made for home.

H. E. CHANG CHIH-TUNG ON REFORM IN CHINA.

CONFESSION OF CHINA'S WEAKNESS.

THE ADVANTAGE OF INTERCOURSE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

II.

Ability springs from opportunity, this from wisdom, and the last from study. Confucius remarks that though a man be dense, he may be instructed; though be be weak, he may become strong. But a stupid man can never be an able man. Men cannot fight with tigers, in their own strength, but they snare them by means of wise inventions. Has the European a monopoly of wisdom, and the Chinese a monopoly of stupidity?

The countries of Europe are like tigers thrown together, and each one tries to swallow up the other. If the balance of power be not preserved, so that each can effectively oppose his neighbour, they could not exist. The respective Governments therefore exert themselves to foster education, find food supplies, encourage ability, and increase wealth. To secure these, they scale heaven and ransack earth. Every day something new is discovered, and each adopts it. They all struggle for permanent supremacy. By means of steamboats and railways the people constantly intermingle so that their wisdom is increased by observation and experience.

Within the last thirty years they have reached the acme of power, and intimately know each other, like families living in the same street. In ancient times, men of ability were numerous in China, and when the feudal states became unified under one ruler, she was a great country surrounded by barbarians, having no equal in learning or government. Thus she continued to follow the old, modifying it a little to meet the exigencies of the times. She clung to her ancient learning, never venturing far beyond its prescribed limits, considering that it was sufficient to give peace to her borders, and ward off all calamity. But in process of time corruption crept in, so that much of what was best in the old was lost. To-day, when she stands face to face with the inhabitants of the five continents, she discovers herself to be a cak.

Our illustrious ancestor Kin Lung did not despise foreigners, but employed them to increase his knowledge; he nurtured men of talent, and made his country powerful. From the date when we came in contact with the West, both in battle and in trade, we have discovered that they have become more and more powerful, whilst we have become more and more insignificant. Although they pressed us with iron and steel, there has been little disposition to consider our ways. Then there came the Tai Ping rebellion, so that we had little leisure for this. True, certain able men have made some serious attempts to translate foreign books, and establish schools in which English is taught. They have sent forth men to foreign countries to be Consuls and so forth, but these have been for the most part sporadic attempts, unsupported. Moreover, lying tales and base inventions have saturated the minds, both of the emperor and people, so that they not only ceased to believe in the thing, but became actually ashamed of it, and regarded it as a disease. Lately, however, we have had more than one eye-opener. Our experiences in Formosa, Lewchew, Ili, Korea, Burmah and Japan have disturbed our equanimity. Calamities have fallen thick and fast. Yet many of the officials and *literati* are as stupid and proud as before. Heaven sends forth light, but they exclude it. I say then that the *wisdom* of the *literati* controls the government, criminal law, the army, food supplies, the country's prosperity and foreign intercourse. The *wisdom* of the farmer has to do with the cultivation and the fructifying of the land. The *wisdom* of the skilled mechanic finds out mechanical inventions and the transformation of things. The *wisdom* of the merchant seeks out new countries for trade and manufactures, and should be familiar with the surplus and deficits of nations. The *wisdom* of the warrior should control ships and guns, charts and maps. All these things are absolutily essential to the prosperity and strength of a government.

If China does not attend to these things, she will degenerate yet more and more. Slowly, silently, and all unconsciously she will be enslaved by Western powers. Not only enslaved, but engulfed, to the delight of those who have swallowed her.

Therefore, for our salvation let us apply ourselves to study. Then the *literati* will become the leaders of all classes of the farmers, artisans, merchants and soldiers. How then in a word may we do this, and secure wisdom? I reply: Banish the *false* and *unimportant*. Stupidity, obstinacy and Bragging lead to disorder. Happy laziness is the root of indifference. If you don't banish these two curses, it would appear as if you were pleased to be as cows and horses; nay, as grass and clods.

We will discuss the question of foreign travel. The man who devotes one year to this, will find it more profitable than to read foreign books at home for five years. It is better to see a thing once than to hear it described a hundred times. It is wiser to read in a foreign school for one year, than study foreign books in a Chinese school for three. In ancient times many men travelled extensively. But let us look at more modern times. Japan is a small country, but she has become illustrious. How? She sent, some twenty years ago, several of her youths abroad. More than a hundred, visited and lived in England, France and Germany. They thoroughly studied the government, mechanical inventions, the principles of trade, naval and military matters. Having thoroughly informed themselves, they returned to their native land, accepted official appointments and gradually initiated reforms. Now the martial ardour of Japan is well known throughout the East.

Anciently, Peter the Great grieved at the weakness and rudeness of his own country, went to England and Holland, and became a common workman in the shipbuilding yards, until he had mastered the whole science of ship-building and navigation. He then returned to Russia, and put his knowledge into practice. What is the result? Russia is to-day the greatest of all countries.

I could refer to Siam with equal force, and she would support my contention, that foreign travel is of vast importance. What is the application of this argument? Look at Japan. Cannot China do what Japan has accomplished? But we can do this at much less expense than she did, for we can study, and travel in Japan. She is near us so that the expense of sending forth students would be comparatively little. Japan is closely akin to China in language and customs, so that the work would be easy. Western books are difficult and not all important, and Japan has already translated and digested all that is important. Following this suggestion, with one-half the expense we could secure double the results. If, however, we aim at perfection, we must go to the West. And why not?

But some one will say, we have already sent students to foreign countries to acquire a knowledge of naval and military matters, and very little has come of it. We have sent forth officials and consuls, men of all kinds of ability, and the result is the same. How is this? Explanations of their apparent failure are offered, and the question is pertinently asked, does a man reject food of all kinds and for all time because he has a sore throat? The result of listening to such objections is to bring more trouble on the family and on the country. Therefore, away with them. Anciently, the characters of our holy Emperors and famous officials were formed and strengthened by adversity, so that they were enabled to prove themselves more effective rulers thereby. They were sneered at, but felt no shame. The cause of shame for us to-day is that the stupid won't learn, and the tyrannical won't accept any regulations but their own. What is and should be a cause of sorrow and disgrace is that one speaks and a hundred answer, and shrink from all change; that the officials have no knowledge, the *literati* make no advance, the mechanics have no inventions; those within will not travel, and those without won't enter and establish knowledge, so that there is no heart nor mind nor capacity.

WHAT YOU ARE COMING TO.

IS THE HUMAN SHAPE RETURNING TO THAT OF THE APE?

Much has been said recently on the subject of what man is coming to. Certainly in many ways he is undergoing gradual transformations, and apparently for the worse. If a pessimistic view be taken, it must seem that man is beginning to return to that shape which Darwinians believe was his starting point in the process of evolution.

For example, there is a growing tendency for the jaw of a modern man to recede. One authority attributes this to the habit of allowing infants, and often young children, to continually suck what are called 'babies' comforters,' or 'teats.' This, it appears, has an inclination to draw in the jaw at an age when the bones are hardly set.

Primitive man, it has been proved, used his teeth as a weapon, in the same way that a dog now does. When he came to rely more on weapons of his own manufacture, the strength of the teeth was no longer called into service for protection or defence. This, also, has tended to make the human jaw recede.

Then again, there is at the present time a great increase in the decay of teeth, especially among children. Eminent dental surgeons who have been consulted on the matter agree that the decline of the teeth is due to the present artificial mode of living, to adulterated provisions, and to the habit of cooking everything until tender.

One eminent specialist says that in Lent he is twice as busy as at any other time. The reason for this, so he asserts, is that there are fewer parties then, and people do not mind so much being a few days 'not at home' to their friends, should their front teeth want repairing. In this respect it is interesting to learn that men are even more vain than women.

The dentist in question tells a good story of a lady who certainly had an original reason for having her teeth attended to during Lent.

'I have put off coming to see you about my teeth until now,' she began, as she sank into a seat, 'because I have several to be "stopped." As, of course, you'll tell me to starve myself for 24 hours each time you "stop" one, I may as well do it in Lent, when, in any case, I should have to do a little fasting!'

The dentist's eyes were opened, and he saw at once why he was always so busy in Lent.

Personal adornment in these degenerate days has gone to the extent of fixing diamonds in the front teeth. The craze started in Chicago, but was never very popular on this side of the Atlantic. There are, however, at least four persons of wealth in London, known to the writer, who carry daily in their mouths valuables of the aggregate value of £350.

As showing the decadence of the teeth of the present generation, it may be recorded that a physician has been studying the condition of the mouths of centenarians. He finds that out of forty-two centenarians only fifteen were without a tooth, and the others were in possession of am ample supply. Yet in people about eighty years of age the average number of teeth is rarely more than five.—*London Daily Mail*.

A CRICKET match was played on the 14th inst. between H.M.S. *Swift* and the Foochow C. C., in which Foochow was victorious, the scores being *Swift*, 1st innings, 62, 2nd 105; and Foochow, 1st innings, 67, 2nd 115 runs. It was a very good match, and there was some capital play.

MR W. Keswick made his *debut* in the House of Commons in a speech on affairs in China on the 20th March. In the course of his remarks he said:—With regard to the sphere of interest or influence in the Yangtsze Valley, the whole subject came back to the fact that China was unable to take care of herself. It was no use bolstering up or attempting to maintain a Government which would not be maintained. Its corruption, its weakness, the childishness—almost imbecility—of its rulers must inevitably lead to those spheres of interest becoming spheres of annexation. (Opposition cheers.) As to the treaty ports with which Great Britain had had intercourse since they were opened—and it was through her influence they were acquired—we should endeavour, at all hazards almost, to see that the privileges we enjoyed should never be alienated. (Hear, hear.) He did not for a moment imagine that this country was to stand up and, in the face of a united Europe, dictate and maintain her position in China to the exclusion of other nations. That was not possible. Therefore what was practical had to be considered, not what was chimerical and impossible. What was practical was the maintenance of the Yangtsze Valley and the Hinterland of that district, the wealthiest part and the garden of the country, as a sphere of influence until we met our own dominion in India. He saw in that day's newspaper a telegram that the Belgians wanted a concession at Hankow. That was in our sphere of influence on the Yangtsze, and every concession granted to another Power, when we looked forward to what was inevitable—that it should be our territory—would be a thorn in the side of the position we desired. That position should be acquired by England and the right given to Belgium. There should be no concession whatever allowed to any foreign nation within that sphere, which was exclusively, and ought to remain, our own. He should regard it as impossible that we should ever be deprived of that priority of position and interest in everything connected with China which we had bought dearly with blood and treasure. (Cheers.)

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Threatened Engineers' Strike.

Bombay, April 6.—The friction caused between the P. and O. Company and its engineers was practically set at rest to-day. The determination of the whole body of men to stick to their comrades, who declined to accept the terms offered by the Company, resulted in a decision by the latter not to press the matter but to allow the men to return home on Saturday. This leaves the question of the rate of pay for service in the East unsettled.

Samoan Affairs.

London, April 10.—Mr Elliot, Secretary of the British Embassy at Washington, has has been appointed British Commissioner for Samoa.

The Plague.

Calcutta, April 9.—The plague returns for the past forty-eight hours shows 90 cases and 81 deaths, the totals being 932 cases and 809 deaths.

Indian Army News.

Allahabad, April 6.—Colonel J. H. Craigie, Assistant Adjutant-General at Army Headquarters, goes home at once on six months' leave.

Colonel E. Blakeley, R.A., has been selected to succeed Brigadier General Spragge as Colonel on the Staff, Royal Artillery, Bombay Command.

April 9.—Colonel Kelly, Commanding the Malakand Brigade, takes short leave at an early date. In his absence Lieutenant-Colonel Maisey, 30th Punjab Infantry, will command the Brigade.

Simla, April 9.—Colonel Burnett, Principal Officer, Mandalay District, proceeds home on eight months' leave.

Allahabad, April 9.—General Sir Archibald Hunter, of Soudan celebrity, will succeed to the First Class District Command vacant next month by the expiry of Sir W. M. Galbraith's tenure and also that he will succeed General Galbraith at Quetta.

The N.-W. Frontier.

Simla, April 8.—A part of Kurrum Militia and villagers were fired upon yesterday morning by a Chamkani picket above Shardarra in the Upper Kurram. The Militia replied, killing two, and wounding one Chamkani and capturing a snider. The Chamkani apparently fired, thinking they were going to be attacked.

The Vanderbilt Mansion Burned.

New York, April 15.—The Vanderbilt honeymoon mansion at Oakdale was burned to the ground last night. Everything in the building was totally destroyed, while Vanderbilt and his bride barely escaped in their night-clothes. Detectives who have been placed on the case are of the opinion that burglars had first entered and robbed the house and then fired the mansion to cover up their tracks. House and furniture were fully insured.

Twelve Burned to Death.

New York, April 17.—The palatial mansion owned and occupied by Millionaire Wallace Andrews, on East Sixty-seventh street, was burned to the ground last night. Wallace Andrews, his wife and ten others, three of whom were among the guests at the house, were cremated. The other seven were servants. There is no way to tell what caused the fire, as the building was all in flames before the department arrived, but it is believed to have started from the heating apparatus. The police give no credit to the rumour that the fire was due to incendiary origin.

(*From "The American."*)

A Senator Charged with Bank Wrecking.

Philadelphia, April 15.—The trial of United States Senator Matthew S. Quay of Pennsylvania, upon a charge of bank-wrecking, is now in progress here. The case was called last Tuesday, but the first three days were occupied in securing a jury, and the taking of evidence did not begin until to-day. Nothing of a sensational nature has been brought out yet, but the prosecuting attorney promises developments next week.

ACCORDING to the Shantung correspondent of the *Kuo-wen pao* there is a strong movement on foot among the natives around Kiaochao to keep provisions away from the German settlement, under the misguided impression that if they can do this the Germans will leave.

WE learn (says the *China Gazette*) that Li Han-chang, ex-Viceroy of Kwangtung, has purchased the house erected by Mr J. B. Cameron on the Rifle Range, with the 2½ mow on which it stands, for Tls. 30,000. Other members of the Li family are also purchasing foreign houses in Hongkew, one which is said to be for Li Hung-chang himself, who is trying hard to get away from Peking to a place of safety before the final storm bursts.

THE *Manila Times* states that a board has been formed whose function will be to determine and pass judgment upon claims for damage, impressed property and others of a similar nature, incident to the military operations in the Philippine Islands. At Iloilo considerable property was destroyed at the time of the occupation of the city by the American troops under General Miller, and claims of all descriptions from all nationalities have been filed in various stages of completeness. On March 20th a circular letter was drawn up setting forth the position of the United States Government in regard to those claims and calling for more complete proof of ownership and definite specification of the origin of the destruction, whether by American or Insurgent forces. This board is specially designed to examine the validity of such claims and adjust matters as soon as found expedient. The members are Colonel Crowder, President; Major Gantenbein, 2nd Oregon Vols., Captain Green, 20th U.S. Infantry and Captain Ballance, 22nd U.S. Infantry.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, April 25, 1899.

OPIUM—	New Patna, cash, ...	790
"	Old " cash, ...	812½
"	New Benares, cash,	812½
"	Old " cash, ...	835
"	New Malwa, credit...	700/71
	Allowance, Taels, ...	8/40
"	Last Year new, ...	730/74
	Allowance, Taels, ...	none/24
"	Old Malwa credit, ...	760/70
	Allowance, Taels ...	none/16
"	Persian, Paper tied	740/75
	Allowance Taels ...	none

Temperature.

(*Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.*)

HONGKONG, April 25, 1899.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	29.94
Do.	1 P.M.	29.91
Do.	4 P.M.	29.90
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M. ...	72
Do.	1 P.M. ...	73
Do.	4 P.M. ...	74
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	68
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	69
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	70
Do. Maximum	... ...	74
Do. Minimum overnight		71

Shipping.

Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
SUNGKIANG,
Captain Dunn, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 1025

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship
GUTHRIE,
Captain MCARTHUR, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 2nd May, at 3 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and *vice versa*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 19, 1899. 918

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
ORESTES,
Captain PUTLAND, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th May.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 1024

To Let.

NOTICE.

TO LET.

ROOMS Suitable for OFFICES in HOUSE, No. 75, WYNDHAM STREET, from 1st April Next.

For Particulars, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, March 23, 1899. 737

TO LET.

SEMI-DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCES on BOWEN ROAD—(Now in course of erection).

PROPERTY now occupied by the BOWRINGTON SAW MILLS.

"BAHAR LODGE."

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., LTD.

Hongkong, April 4, 1899. 887

TO LET.

'LUGINSLAND' (EAST), above QUEEN'S GARDENS. From 15TH MAY Next.

Apply to
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, April 19, 1899. 774

TO LET.

OFFICES on 1st and 2nd FLOORS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to
TAK CHEONG,
No. 50, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, April 18, 1899. 972

Intimations.

SOMATOSE.

(REGISTERED).

A TASTELESS, Odourless, Nutrient Meat Powder. SOMATOSE contains all the albuminoid principles of beef in an easily soluble form. It has been extensively employed, and found to be of the greatest service in consumption, diseases of the stomach and intestinal tract, chlorosis and rickets; it is of great value in convalescence from all diseases.

SOMATOSE promotes the assimilation of nitrogenous food, it strengthens the muscles and stimulates the appetite in a remarkable manner. Sole Manufacturers: Farbenfabriken, vorm, FRIEDR. BAYER & Co., Elberfeld.

To be had in all dispensaries and druggist shops, and with

WM. MEYERINK & CO.,
Sole Agents for Hongkong & China.

Hongkong, April 1, 1899. 824



Shipping.

Steamers.

ALTERATION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
THALES,
Captain HALL, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant, at Daylight, instead of 10 a.m., TUESDAY, the 25th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 1003

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
PAKHOI,
Captain STOTT, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 1015

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship
CHINKIANG,
Captain VAUGHAN, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 985

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LD

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICE TO SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Steamship
MAIZURU MARU,
Captain S. NAGATA, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 30th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight and Passage, apply to
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 1014

UNITED STATES AND CHINA, JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
CATANIA,
Captain MARTIN, will be despatched as above on or about the 4th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 21, 1899. 870

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
SARPEDON,
Captain GRIER, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 8th May.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1899. 928

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
UNDAUNTED,
will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 10th May.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1899. 989

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship
KWEIYANG,
Captain OUTERBRIDGE, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 16th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 1018

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE British Steamship
VORTIGERN,
Captain FAIRWEATHER, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 27th May.

For Freight, apply to
DODWELL & Co., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 21, 1899. 998

A QUALIFIED MEDICAL MAN, desiring a Change for the Benefit of Health, would be glad to take a position as Ship's Doctor. Destination of Vessel and Term of Service immaterial.

Address, 'M.D.', 'CHINA MAIL' Office. 978

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 *A.I.* British Barque
QUEEN MARGARET,
FRASER, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1899. 2497

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.I.I. American Ship
McLAURIN,
OAKES, Master, is ready to load and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 10, 1899. 887

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents or Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay at Tamsui Harbour:

HENRY FARLING, American ship, Capt. Merryman.—Ballast.

QUEEN OF THE ISLES, British schooner, Captain Hitchfield.—Master.

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N. B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	April 26.
Preussen.....	Wednesday	May 24.
Sachsen..... ...	Wednesday	June 21.
Bayern.....	Wednesday	July 19.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of April, 1899, at 9 a.m., the Company's S. S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Captain O. GIPPERS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 24th April, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 25th April, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th April. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 29, 1899. 804

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS,

THE Steamship *BALLAARAT*, Captain C. L. W. FEILD, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 29th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 15, 1899. 952

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MEDITERRANEAN AND MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 6th May, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *ERNEST SIMONS*, Capt. L. COISPELLIER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES *viâ* Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 5th May. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1899. 1021

THE MUTUAL STORE.

MR H. J. GLYDE has This Day been appointed Manager and is authorized to Sign for the Firm. All cheques are to be made PAYABLE to the MUTUAL STORE and must be countersigned by Mr LO SIU PING or Mr LEUNG TAT CHUEN before payment is made.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1899. 799

NOTICE.

MR. COLIN McD. SMART has This Day been Admitted to JOIN OUR FIRM per procuration.

BAIN & REID.

Hongkong, December 9, 1898.

Mails.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Nippon Maru, (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, May 20, at Noon.
America Maru, (via Shanghai Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	TUESDAY, June 13, at Noon.

THE S. S. *NIPPON MARU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLANDSEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 20th May, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN, PACIFIC CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Packages will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, April 21, 1899. 1004

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD Co.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO & SAN DIEGO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS and HONOLULU. The UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, Etc.

S.S. *Carlisle City*...3,002 Tons.....About 1st May.
S. S. *Shantung*.....2,807 Tons .....About 20th May.
S S. *Belgian King*.. 3,379 Tons ...About 20th June.
S. S. *Carmarthenshire*...2,929 Tons...About 20th July.

THE Steamship *Carlisle City* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO and SAN DIEGO, *Via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about 1st May.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to Sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, April 22, 1899. 1000

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BAIN & REID.

Hongkong, April 14, 1899.

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu,	TUESDAY, MAY 2, at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, N'ki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama & H'lulu.,	SATURDAY, May 27, at Noon.
City of Peking (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama and Honolulu).....	THURSDAY, June 22, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CHINA* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 2nd May, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Though Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 8, 1899. 881

Occidental and Oriental Steam-ship Co.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu),	Thursday, May 11, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).	Tuesday, June 6, at Noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).	Saturday, July 1, at Noon.

THE Co.'s Steamship *DORIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 11th May, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passenger who have paid full fare, embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

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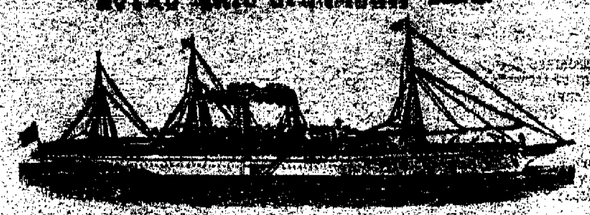
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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 8, 1899. 881

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, *VIA* CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.
SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(Subject to Alteration.)

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. C. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 26th April '99.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 17th May '99.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 7th June '99.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World); the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

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Hongkong, March 24, 1899. 171

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Hongkong, April 12, 1899. 90

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	10	3000	Comdr. A. H. Smith-Dorrien	Shanghai
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. J. W. Slade	Bangkok
Aurora	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain E. H. Baly	Singapore
Barfleur†	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B.	Weihaiwei
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie, C.B.	Shanghai
Brisk	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Com. R. B. S. Wrey	Hongkong
Centurion*	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain J. R. Jellicoe	Weihaiwei
Daphne	sloop	1140	8	2000	—	Hongkong
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	3	200	Lt.-Com. C. Chadwick	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut.-Com. R. J. Keyes	Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	360		Hongkong
Grafton	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain F. W. Fisher	Weihaiwei
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	—	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000		Hongkong
Hermione	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. G. A. Callaghan	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1640	—	1640	Comdr. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. N. Dudding	Shanghai
Linnet	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Com. Wm. W. Smythe	Hankow
Orlando	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain J. H. T. Burke	Singapore
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. P. S. St. John	Hongkong
Phoenix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. R. P. Cochran	Shanghai
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. J. F. Green	Iloilo
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lt.-Com. C. V. de M. Cowper	Manila
Powerful	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Capt. Hon. H. Lambton	Manila
Rattler	gunboat, 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Sandakan
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comdr. Carr	On a cruise
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Comd. C. W. Winnington-Ingram	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	—	—	Commodore Francis Powell	Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	—	Hongkong
Undaunted	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Hongkong
Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Capt. A. Schomberg	Yokohama
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Comdr. W. P. Dawson	Shanghai
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5900	Lieut.-Com. E. Kelly	Hongkong
Wivern	coastdefenceship, armoured	2750	4	1000		Hongkong
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. H. D. S. Watson	Ichang

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, K.C.B. † Flagship of Rear-Admiral C. S. P. Fitzgerald.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Kaiserin Elizabeth	Austrian cruiser	4000	23	—	Capt. Julius Beck von Wellstaat	Shanghai
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Saigon
Bayard	French flagship	6500	12	4500	Captain Joannet	—
Caravan	French gunboat	658	4	—	Lieut. Schwerer	Saigon
Descartes	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Capt. Philibert	Foochow
Duguay-Trouin	French cruiser	3593	11	4399	—	Kwongchauwan
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Taku
Jean Bart	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thesmar	Kwongchauwan
Léon	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Amet	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Captain de Brétizel	Manila
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain de Plessix	Saigon
Vauban	French flagship	—	—	—	Captain Boutet	Kwongchauwan
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	—	8000	Captain Muller	Nagasaki
Gefion	German 2nd class cruiser	4109	10	9000	Captain Rollmann	Amoy
Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	2930	Commander Obenheimer	Hongkong
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	5700	Captain Stubenrauch	Shanghai
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	20	14,000	Captain Koellnor	Kobe
Moeve	German gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. Merten	Amoy
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	12	8000	Captain Truppel	Kiaochau
Amerigo Vespucci	Italian cruiser	1333	—	—	Captain Zezi	Chefoo
Elba	Italian cruiser	2700	—	—	Capt. Ceccani	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	1487	—	—	Captain Incoronato	—
Africa	Portuguese transport	1460	—	—	Capt. Vasco Carvalho	Macao
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Comdr. Carvalhosa e Athayde	Macao
Admiral Kornieloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Port Arthur
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenago	Vladivostock
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Nagasaki
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Witthofft	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikff	—
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Capt. Rudneff	Taku
Korejetz	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Captain Sillman	Nagasaki
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kachaloff	Chemulpo
Navarin	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	4	—	Captain Feniche	Port Arthur
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Captain Coprianoff	Nagasaki
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6000	15	8000	Captain Vireenius	Vladivostock
Rossia	Russian cruiser	12,200	28	—	Captain Domojiroff	Yokohama
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,923	26	13,250	Comdr. Gaoupt	Nagasaki
Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Captain Barranoff	Port Arthur
Sissoi Veliky	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	14	8500	Captain Barenago	Nagasaki
Sivootch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1120	Captain Niedermuller	—
Vladimir Monamach	Russian armoured cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Prince Ouchtomsky	Yokohama
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	500	11	3500	Capt. Rogulia	—
Zabiaka	Russian cruiser	1230	6	1194	Commander Komaroff	Vladivostock
Baltimore	U. S. cruiser	4413	10	10,064	Capt. N. M. Dyer	Manila
Bennington	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	3436	Commander E. D. Taussig	Manila
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	4030	Captain G. F. F. Wilde	Iloilo
Buffalo	U. S. cruiser	6888	6	3600	Comdr. J. N. Hemphill	Manila
Callao	U. S. gunboat	137	1	55	Lieut. Benjamin Tappan	Manila
Castine	U. S. gunboat	1177	8	2199	Commander S. W. Very	Manila
Celtic	U. S. supply ship	6428	—	1800	Lieut.-Comdr. N. J. K. Patch	Manila
Charleston	U. S. cruiser	3730	8	6666	Captain W. H. Whiting	Iloilo
Concord	U. S. cruiser	1700	6	3405	Com. A. Walker	Manila
Culgoa	U. S. supply ship	7000	—	2350	Lieut.-Comdr. J. W. Carlin	Manila
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	1988	Captain W. T. Swinburne	Manila
Iris	U. S. distilling ship	6100	—	1300	Lt.-Comdr. N. T. Houston	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	1067	2	750	Lieut.-Com. F. Singer	Manila
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Capt. H. E. Nichols	Manila
Monocacy	U. S. gunboat	1370	6	850	Comdr. G. A. Bicknell	Manila
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. E. H. C. Leutze	Manila
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5870	14	17,313	Captain B. P. Lamberton	Manila
Oregon	U. S. 1st class battleship	10,288	16	11,111	Captain A. S. Barker	Manila
Petrel	U. S. gunboat	890	4	1095	Commander C. C. Cornwell	Manila
Princeton	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	800	Commander C. H. West	Manila
Yorktown	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	3392	Commander C. S. Sperry	Manila
Yosemite	U. S. cruiser	6179	10	3899	Captain R. P. Leary	Manila

THE SMUGGLING ZAFIRO.

HOW CAPTAIN M'LEAN CARED FOR DEWEY'S MEN.

Professor S. A. Knapp, the confidential agent of the Department of Agriculture, who returned to the United States last week after a tour of Japan, China, and the Philippine Islands, was accompanied on the homeward trip by Captain Walter McLean, chief of Admiral Dewey's war staff at Manila. In the *Chronicle* for February 19 Professor Knapp has given some unwritten history of the doings of the historic Asiatic squadron, learned by personal observation while in the Orient and by association with Captain McLean on the way over. Its hero is Captain McLean, whom the professor styles the hero of past-battle days, and it waves itself largely about the goings and comings of the little merchant vessel *Zafiro*, which succeeded the cutter *McCulloch* as the cruiser of dispatches from Manila to Hongkong. Dispatches are not the only things the *Zafiro* carried, and that is the reason Professor Knapp finds a hero in Captain McLean. She carried green-groceries and coal.

'The fact of the matter is,' said the professor, 'McLean turned smuggler when he got hold of the *Zafiro* and went cruising in Chinese waters. He smuggled more tons of fresh things to eat in Manila Bay than you have hairs on your head. He became the most proficient falsifier of manifests the East ever saw. Ask him, and he'll tell you the same thing. Did Dewey know about it? Didn't he know about everything that was going on?

'McLean's chance came when he was made commander of the *Zafiro*. The day this happened Admiral Dewey called McLean up on the quarterdeck of the flagship, where there were a lot of dyspeptic-looking officers and men standing around, and said:

'McLean, you will take these dispatches down to Hongkong on the *Zafiro* and cable them to Washington.'

'"Yes, sir," answered McLean.

'"And remember," continued the Admiral, in a solemn voice, "that this is a time of strife; that Great Britain has issued a neutrality proclamation; and that there is such a thing as contraband of war. Do not allow any contraband article aboard your vessel."

'McLean looked around on the hungry men of the fleet, and then he looked into the eye of Admiral Dewey. He thinks he saw a sort of faint quiver of the eye, for he touched his cap smartly, winked at the other officers, and retired. When the *Zafiro* got to Hong Kong, McLean called Captain Whitton up to the deck and said:

'"Captain Whitton, I am going ashore with Colonel Smith. I won't be back until the last minute before sailing. Remember that this is a time of strife; that Great Britain has issued a neutrality proclamation; and that there is such a thing as contraband of war."

'"Yes, sir," answered Captain Whitton, saluting.

'"And I say, Whitton," continued McLean, lowering his voice, "if we get caught at it there'll be the devil to pay."

'"Yes, sir."

'"So that, if any little packages come aboard, be quick about it"

'Well, McLean and Colonel Smith hadn't any more than got out of sight than Captain Whitten weighed anchor and sailed around the corner. He hadn't been there very long before the little packages began to arrive. It didn't take very long to stow them away, and pretty soon the *Zafiro* dropped anchor in the harbour again. McLean and Colonel Smith came aboard.

'"Sir," said Captain Whitton to McLean, "those little packages——"

'"Don't bother me, sir," thundered McLean, in a rage, "I am in a great hurry to get back to Admiral Dewey with important cablegrams."

'So they sailed away. When they reached Manila, McLean called Captain Whitton up and said:

'"Sir, I must hasten to the flag-ship and report to the Admiral. When I return, I shall inspect your cargo. If I find anything contraband in it, I shall order you into irons."

'Well, McLean didn't get back until the next morning, and when he went over the cargo he found nothing contraband. In the meantime every officer and man in the squadron had had a square meal. That was the first of many trips.

'McLean's greatest feat was in restoring peace between the American and German Governments as represented by their admirals at Manila. On one of his trips to Hongkong he told Rounsevelle Wildman, the American consul, to notify the other consuls that if they had any little presents or tokens of friendship they wanted to send to their folks in Manila, he would take them there on board the *Zafiro*. The result of the invitation was that the German consul sent a little present aboard for the German admiral. It consisted of thirty-one sacks of potatoes.

'When McLean got back to Manila he found the feeling between the two fleets was running very high and bitter, and he was in a great quandary over what to do with the German admiral's potatoes. He felt that if he delivered them Admiral Dewey would be angry, but that if he did not, Dewey would be angrier still, because of his (McLean's) violation of his promise. He was afraid to speak to the Admiral about it, so he finally concluded to consult the flag lieutenant.

'"It strikes me," said the flag lieutenant, "that you'll be d——d if you do, and you'll be d——d if you don't. Between the two evils, I advise you to see the old man."

'So McLean went to see the Admiral. He found him on the quarter-deck of the *Olympia*, and told him the story.

'"Young man,' replied Admiral Dewey, 'when you came here to disturb me I was just reflecting on the vast responsibilities that rest on my shoulders. I look at the lights of yonder beautiful city, and I shudder to think of the countless precious lives that would be lost, were I to turn my guns on its walls. How terrible——'

'"But, sir,' interrupted McLean, 'what am I to do with those thirty-one sacks of spuds?'

'"——your spuds!' roared Dewey.

'"Yes, sir; of course, sir,' stammered McLean, preparing to retreat.

'"But, say, McLean,' called the Admiral, lowering his voice to a whisper, 'do you suppose those Dutch are as hungry for something fresh to eat as we are?'

'That night McLean delivered the thirty-one sacks of potatoes to the German Admiral. The next day the German Admiral sent a note of thanks to Admiral Dewey, and thus hostilities were averted.'—*San Francisco Argonaut.*

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THE DEATH OF MR SIMPSON AT MANILA.

In the House of Commons on the 20th March, Mr F. Stanhope asked the Under-secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he had received any report upon the recent lamentable occurrence at Manila, when a British subject, Mr C. F. Simpson, was unfortunately killed; whether he was aware that Mr Simpson's family was partially dependent upon him for support; and whether, under the circumstances, her Majesty's Government would endeavour to obtain some pecuniary compensation for Mr Simpson's family by friendly representations to the Government of the United States.

Mr Brodrick: There has not been time to receive a detailed report on the occurrence in question. It was reported by telegraph on Feb. 27, and the despatches by mail cannot be expected before April. Without sufficient information it would be useless to make representations to the United States Government as regards compensation.

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Hongkong Tides.

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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

26th April to 2nd May.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water: Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Low Water: Hongkong Mean Time	Height
		h.	ft. in.	h.	ft. in.
Wed.	26	m 9 23	4 10	m 2 28	0 8
		9 56 a	2 10	3 37 a	—1 8
Thur.	27	m 9 1	5 3	m 3 6	0 5
		10 44 a	2 7	4 19 a	—1 7
Fri.	28	m 9 39	5 6	m 3 34	0 8
		11 40 a	2 2	5 6 a	—1 9
Sat.	29	m 10 22	5 6	m 3 59	0 11
				6 0 a	—1 9
Sun.	30	m 0 48	2 0	m 4 27	1 2
		m 11 10	2 4	7 0 a	—1 6
Mon.	1	m 2 4	1 10	m 5 2	1 5
		0 4 a	5 0	8 7 a	—1 3
Tues.	2	m 3 19	1 11	m 5 53	1 8
		1 8 a	4 6	9 18 a	—1 0

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Positions of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Sections.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the Market.
5. From The Market to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Sections.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Names.		Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tonnage.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Amara	d c	Mattock	British str.	1567	April 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Amigo	5 c	Bendixen	Ger. str.	771	April 24	Jebsen & Co.		
Australian	5 c	Helms	British str.	3006	April 21	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Benlarig	6 c	Kroble	British str.	1453	April 21	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Charterhouse	4 c	Smith	British str.	1278	April 24	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.		
China	4 c	Seabury	Amer. str.	3187	April 23	P. M. S. S. Co.		
Chinkiang	3 c	Vaughan	British str.	1241	April 22	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	April 27.
Empress of India	5 c	Marshall	British str.	3002	April 18	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver (B.C.)	April 26.
Fausang	4 c	Moncur	British str.	1419	April 18	Dodwell & Co., Ld.		
Godaverey	3 c	Dain	French str.	715	April 1	Chinese	Swatow and Tamsui	April 27.
Hailoong	5 h	Robson	British str.	783	April 25	Douglas Steamship Co.		K'loon Dock
Hating		Jensen	French str.	706	March 27	S. M. Meyer.		
Hohenzollern	c w	Woltersdorff	Ger. str.	2039	April 24	Melchers & Co.		
Hongkong Maru	4 c	Filmer	Japan. str.	3385	April 18	Toyo Kisen Kaisha		
Ingraban	3 c	Piper	Ger. str.	892	April 26	Meyer & Co.		Con'tan Dock
Katsuyama Maru		Yamada	Japan. str.	1069	April 18	Dodwell & Co., Ld.		
Kutsang	4 c	Bradley	British str.	1493	April 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Martha	3 c	Krutzfeldt	Ger. str.	1418	April 14	Melchers & Co.		
Nanyatsu Maru	3 c	Sumata	Japan. str.	822	April 24	Dodwell & Co., Limited		
Nerita	7 c	Daniels	British str.	315	April 2	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Pakhoi	4 c	Stott	British str.	1280	April 21	Butterfield & Swire		
Pakshan	3 c	Jenkins	British str.	1235	April 2	Bradley & Co.		
Prinz Heinrich	k w	Duppers	Ger. str.	3312	April 25	Melchers & Co.	Europe, &c.	April 26.
Propontis	3 c	Crawford	British str.	1390	April 10	Heung Sing S. S. Co.		
Serbia	k w	Ostermann	Ger. str.	2336	April 2	Carlowitz & Co.	S'pore & Hamburg	To-day.
Shinshu Maru	3 c	Nishiyama	Japan. str.	1577	April 26	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Sultan	4 c	Lake	British str.	1044	April 21	C. B. T. Co.		
Sungkiang	4 c	Dodd	British str.	994	April 25	Butterfield & Swire		
Tailee	4 c	Cook	British str.	807	April 8	Meyer & Co.		
Taisang	4 c	Sawer	Brit. str.	1044	April 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Thornhill	3 h	Hall	British str.	872	April 23	Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow & Foochow	April 28.
Toyo Maru	k w	Anison	British str.	2086	April 25	Siemssen & Co.		
Triumph	3 c	Rikes	Japan. str.	1543	April 19	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Hoihow and Pakhoi	April 27.
Wingang	3 c	Sellar	Brit. str.	576	April 25	Jebsen & Co.		
			British str.	1517	April 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.								
Erik Rickmers	3 c	Wurthmann	Ger. sh.	1853	Mar. 31	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Henry Failing		Merreman	Amer. sh.	1670	March 28	Master		
McLaurin	2 k	Oakes	Amer. sh.	1313	April 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Queen of Isles	3 c	Hitchfield	Brit. sch.	89	April 20	Master		
Queen Margaret	3 c	Fraser	British sh.	1899	March 5	Standard Oil Co.		
Simla	3 c	Huestis	British sh.	2087	Mar.	Order		
Stanfield	2 k	Wilson	Brit. bqe.	891	April 12	Master		

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—APRIL 24, 1899.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Paid up.	Value.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000	125	all	366 % prem.=$457.50
Bank of China & Japan, Limited { preference shares	39,250	5	5	5 nom.
" " ordinary	196,875	2	2	£21 0.0, buyers
" " deferred	1,250	1	1	£12.5.
National Bank of China, Limited	[illegible]	2	10	3½, buyers.
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	200	50	50 [illegible], sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	83.33	25	26½, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	100	25	28 Tls. 190, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	100	30	34½, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	250	50	250
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld	8,000	100	50	90 [illegible], sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	100	50	95½, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	250	50	99 95
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	125	all	330 % prem. = $537.50, sells x
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	8,000	50	all	97½
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	[illegible], sellers
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	60,000	15	10	[illegible], sellers.
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	10	all	[illegible], buyers.
China Mutual S. N. Co.	30,000	100	10	£9.15, ex div.
Do. (new issue)	30,000	100	2	10 £3.15, "
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000	100	8	£3.12, "
REFINERIES.			75	114½, sellers
China Sugar Company, Limited	6,000	100	all	[illegible]
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	2,000	100	all	[illegible], sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	50	all	[illegible]
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	100	30	133
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100	50	120
Kowloon Land and Building Company	3,000	500	30	[illegible]
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	27,000	10	all	[illegible], sales
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50	50	52½, ex div.
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	100	all	[illegible], buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	5	all	88.80, buyers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	80,000	5	all	88.80
Preference shares	80,000	1	all	44.40, buyers.
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	70,000	5	5	4½
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000 Frs.	250	all	1150
Queen's Mine, Limited	400,000	25 cts.	25 cts.	50 cents
Hugh Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	1	14/10	257, sellers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	116,000	5	5	26
	45,000	5	3½	24.50, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	50	all	67½, buyers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	20	all	31.50
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	15	10	312, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	50,000	100	10	244, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	5	1/2	1/5
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	10	all	210½, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	4,000	250	25	334, buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	[illegible]	50	all	331
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	3,000	75	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	50	all	80
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	[illegible]	100	50	244, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000 Tls.	100 Tls.	100 Tls.	75
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000 Tls.	100 Tls.	100 Tls.	80
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000 Tls.	100 Tls.	100 Tls.	60
Carmichael & Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	8,000 Tls.	100 Tls.	100 Tls.	40
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ld.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], sellers

* Founder's Shares.